

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 were pending. Claims 1-2, 5-14, 17-26, and 29-31 have been amended. Claims 3-4, 15-16, 27-28, and 32-34 have been cancelled. The specification has amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 5-14, 17-26, and 29-31 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

I. Specification

Applicant has reviewed the specification and has corrected the minor informalities in the specification as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

II. The §112 Rejections

Claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome §112 rejections to the claims. Specifically, Applicant has amended each of independent claims 1, 13, and 25 to more clearly recite the relationship between the limitations of the claims. In addition, Applicant has amended the claims to include sufficient antecedent basis for each of the claim terms.

III. The §101 Rejections

Claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. To overcome the rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. §101, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4, amended claim 13 to include the limitations of claim 16, and amended claim 25 to include limitations similar to those of claims 1

and 13, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §101 rejections to the claims.

Applicant submits that claims 1-2, 5-14, 17-26, and 29-31 should be in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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